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September 21, 2011

To: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich
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Supervisor Don Knabe

From:  Donald H. Blevins
Chief Probation Officer

Subject: **DETERMINATION OF JUVENILE HALLS SUITABILITY FOR
CONFINEMENT BY CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY**

This is to advise you that during the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) Board meeting of September 8, 2011, Probation's Food Service Consultant/Registered Dietician Stephanie Sasnauskus, and Bureau Chief Elizabeth Garcia provided an update on the Title 15 nutritional regulations for the Los Angeles County Juvenile Halls. The CSA Board unanimously found that the Los Angeles County juvenile halls are suitable for the confinement of minors; this action acknowledges resolution of a long standing issue surrounding the meals in our juvenile facilities. Attached is a copy of their correspondence.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information, or your staff may contact Cal Remington, Chief Deputy, at (562) 940-2851.

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**CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY (CSA) BIENNIAL INSPECTION
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTIONS 209 (d) - OUTCOME**

Dear Chief Blevins:

The purpose of this correspondence is to inform you of the results of the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) Board meeting in regard to the suitability of the Los Angeles County juvenile halls for the confinement of minors. At its September 8, 2011 meeting, the CSA Board unanimously found the Los Angeles County juvenile halls suitable for the confinement of minors.

This matter first came before the CSA Board on September 9, 2010 when the department failed to correct noncompliance with Title 15 nutritional regulations within the timeframes defined in Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code 209(d). The areas of noncompliance at issue were identified in the 2009 Juvenile Facility Health Inspection report required by Health and Safety Code Section 101045 and performed by local Public Health inspectors. The results of their 2009 evaluation were incorporated in the 2008-2010 biennial CSA inspection report.

At the September 2010 meeting, the CSA Board credited the probation department's newly hired Food Services Consultant for progress made toward implementation of a corrective action plan (CAP) and granted the joint request of Los Angeles County Probation, Los Angeles County Public Health and CSA staff for a continuance of the determination of suitability to the March 2011 meeting. With resolution hinging on a request for new funding, the matter was continued twice more to the September 8, 2011 meeting.

The CSA Board's action concludes the 2008-2010 CSA inspection. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your leadership, the work of Probation's Food Services Consultant/Registered Dietician Stephanie Sasnauskus and the guidance and expertise of Public Health Environmental Inspectors Philip Dao and Scott Kirk in arriving at this outcome.

Sincerely,



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